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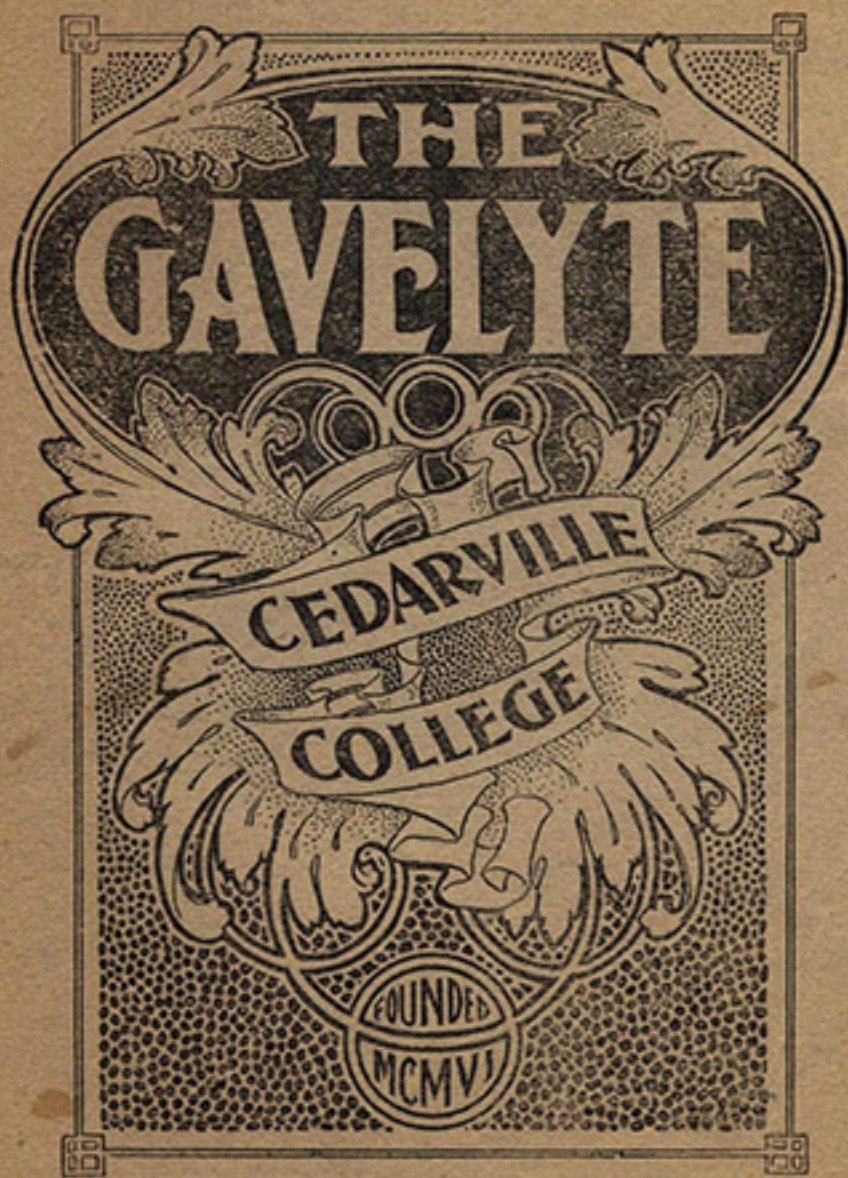


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Character Sketch-Woodrow Wilson.

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Woodrow Wilson has been schooling himself, perhaps unconsciously, but nevertheless carefully and studiously for forty years for the exalted office which he assumed March 4th.

There has never been a closer student of American political affairs since Hamilton and Madison. There is nothing about Congress or the White House that will take him by surprise. At the age of twenty-nine, he had written a college thesis that showed him to be, even at that time one of the keenest analysts of our National Legislature we ever had. He is well informed on his duties at the White House, having published a treatise on the powers and limitations of the President. He has made a thorough and extensive study of the American people in all their social and political relations.

The country has been accustomed to regard the office of the Chief Executive as within the reach of the most experienced politician—but for a school-master to leap into the presidency—before having been in the political arena for three years is something unique.

James Wilson, the grandfather of Woodrow Wilson emigrated from Ireland to America about a century ago and settled in Philadelphia, then the capital of the United States. He became a printer on one of the leading papers of America, the "Aurora" then edited by Thomas Jefferson. Later he became the editor in chief. In 1820 lured by the attractions of the great West, he went to Steubenville, O, and edited the "Western Herald. He became a great power in the Democratic Party and was known throughout the state as "Judge Wilson" It was there amid these snrrounding of hardy, vigorous, pioneer life, that Joseph R. Wilson, the father of the President, was born and grew to manhood. Jos. R. Wilson began his career as a teacher but his natural taste was for the ministry, and after careful preparation he entered a Presbyterian pulpit. He married Miss Janet Woodrow of Chillicothe, O. She was born in Carlisle, England but came with her parents to this country when she was two years old. Joseph Wilson was called to a pastorate at Staunton, Va

Here Dec. 28, 1856, Woodrow Wilson was born during Xmas week, the cheer of which occasion seems never to have left him. Virginia now renews her



claim to the title of the "Mother" of the Presidents for Woodrow Wilson is the 8th Chief Executive from the "Old Dominion." Ohio is no longer in it, except that Wilson's father and mother were both Ohioans.

Woodrow Wilson was about two years old when his father became a pastor in Augusta Ga., where he remained during the Civil War. Young Wilson was kept ignorant of the events transpiring at this time, hence he grew up to manhood unwrapped by section hate.

As a child he was not fond of study. He never learned to read until past the average age. His father spent many hours reading aloud to him, and he took him on journeys through the city, visiting factories and other interesting places, explaining how different articles were made and thus giving him a practical education. When the young boy did learn to read, he more than made up for lost time. Today he is counted one of the most widely read men in this or any other country.

In the Autumn of 1870 the Wilsons moved to Columbia, S. C., and Woodrow now a youth of thirteen entered college at Davidson, N. C. His father expressly chose this institution in which to start his son's career, because of the superiority of the faculty. The equipments were rather primitive. The boys took care of their own rooms filled their own lamps and carried their own wood, and brought the water from the well. About the only record young Wilson seems to have made was the ability to dress, cross the campus, and get into his seat at chapel, quicker than anyone else. He is said to have done this feat several mornings before the bell stopped ringing. He had little enjoyment in sports preferring rather to spend his time on his books. The next year he remained at home. In Sept. 1875 he entered the Freshman Class at Princeton, being one of the very few who hailed from south of the Masons and Dixon's line.

Our new president is a man who refuses to do a thing simply because someone else has done it before him. From his earliest youth he has insisted upon his own personality and individuality. He had not been at Princeton long before he found out that he wanted to be a public man; he wanted to devote his life to the service of his country to play an active part in the stirring scenes of his country's political stage. He began at once to train himself to train his mind that he might become an authority on government, and the history of government. He first taught himself to write shorthand that he might make rapid notes. He also studied practical composition work, and extemporaneous speaking. Today he is without a peer in the nation in that art. To get him to write a speech in advance is a hard matter.

Extempore debates were common in school. Once a year a great prize was offered to the winner. On one occasion he was right in line for the prize when the subject was "Protection vs. Free Trade." Sides were chosen by lot. Wilson drew the Protection side. He tore the paper up, took his seat in disgust, and said, "Nothing could induce one to advance arguments for a thing he didn't believe in. The prize went to someone else."

Wilson was not a brilliant student. He ranked fourty-second in a class of one hundred and twenty-two. He early began to show natural aptitude for leadership, and by the end of his college course his classmates looked to him to rise higher than any of them. While at Princeton he wrote a splendid ar-



ticle on congress which attracted considerable attention to him as a thinker. It so exposed the lobby work and the secret sessions of committees by which congress carries on its business, that it set the people to thinking and investigations were made. He believed in open free-handed work especially when it came to dealings in governmental affairs.

Leaving Princeton he went to the University of Virginia founded by Thomas Jefferson, and took a course of Law. Here he took all the prizes offered in the forensic art. He is also regarded as a great joker. In his love for wholesome fun and nonsense he reminds one of Lincoln. He composed nonsense and limerick. The following is the one recited at Seagirt after his nomination at Baltimore.

As a beauty I am not a star;  
There are others more handsome by far,  
But my face I don't mind it.  
For I am behind it;  
The people in front get the jar.

Like most young men Wilson had the idea that law was the gate-way to the public eye; and he joined together with another young man by the name of Renwick, when they hung out their shingle at Atlanta Ga., but the law business they looked for was never to come.

Wilson gave up and went to John Hopkins and did special work in history and political economy. The result of his two year's work at Baltimore was his book "Congressional Government: A study of the government by committee," an elaboration of his previous essay. It met with instant success.

After taking his degree at John Hopkin's, Dr. Wilson was called to the chair of History and Political economy at Bryn Mawr. During the summer he found time to journey to Savannah, Ga., where he married Ellen Louise Azson, a daughter of a long line of clergyman.

Dr. Wilson remained at Bryn Mawr for three years, and was then called to take up similar work at Wesleyan. Here he acted as lecturer, and his fame soon spread until quite a demand was created for his addresses at public occasions on every known subject.

The Trustees of Princeton finding the chair of jurisprudence and politics vacant in the autumn of 1890, their distinguished alumnus was offered the chair. He accepted with pride and joy.

At Princeton Dr. Wilson lectured to his classes; worked on his "History of the American people," published his third book; and add daily to his reputation at home and abroad. His lectures were very popular, and nearly every student wanted to take his course. It was a daily occurrence for the students to rise to their feet at the conclusion of his lecture and cheer him until he passed out of hearing.

In 1902 Dr. Wilson was chosen President of Princeton. A change was sadly needed in the administrative affairs of the university, and the trustees recognized Dr. Wilson as the man to fill the place. He soon found himself confronted with a trying situation. Princeton has been called a country club for rich men's sons. He attacked the clubs and other organizations through which the students had maintained a sort of aristocracy. In other words he tried to



inject a democratic spirit into the university life.

There was a long fight over the graduate college, in which instance the donor wished to dictate how the money should be used. Pres. Wilson claimed the school should be the sole judge of how it should use its funds, and that it should accept no dictation. But his efforts went for naught. An old graduate of Princeton died and left the school \$3,000,000 for a graduate college, just as the other donor had wished to do,—and because the man was dead his wishes had to be obeyed, and Pres. Wilson was defeated.

But his splendid stand and efforts for democracy were not overlooked by the people of New Jersey. They called him from the troublesome affairs at Princeton, and made him governor; thus launching him upon a political career which for brilliance and rapidity of achievements has never been equalled in this or any other country.

Here too he found there were powers and interests which pulled together to secure their own objects, and he determined to break up the combine. He had given them to understand before the election that he stood square on the platform, and that if elected he intended to be the head of his party in the state. The bosses were soon convinced that this was not a mere threat as others had made, but that he was the leader absolutely. In all his conflicts the governor simply reminded them of the pledge contained in the platform on which they secured their office, and that it was not their will but the will of the people they were to carry out.

Naturally, his brilliant record attracted the attention of the entire nation to the New Jersey governor. He was written about, and talked about in every state and city throughout the country. His admirers began to agitate the question Wilson for President. The echo of that question spread throughout the nation, and finally his candidacy was launched. The older democrats recognized in him the man who was to unite them and lead them out of the political wilderness where they had so long wandered into the promised land of power and plenty.

There remains little to be said of the career of this great man. Time and the events of the next few years will no doubt add much to its lustre. Hosts of his supporters will be disappointed if at Washington he does not show himself a veritable Master Builder.

Contributed to The Gavelyte by a Former Student.

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## Geneva Glee Club.

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On Monday evening, April 7th we had with us the Glee Club from Geneva College. They gave a very good concert in the Opera House, a concert which showed they had been well trained. Each member of the Club was a student of Geneva and much spirit was shown when they sang their college songs. The orchestra, composed of two violins, cornet, clarinet and piano, rendered

several good productions. The quartette sang, "Poor Little Lamb" with an expression which was enjoyed by all. "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground" and, "Big Bell's aringin'" were some of the other numbers. A humorous production entitled "Singin' Skewl" was full of laughter.

The entertainment was good through-out and the club could well be placed among the first in such organizations.

Literary Societies.

A word might be said concerning the Literary Societies taken together. There are now three societies among the students. The new society, known as the Criterion, was formed during this last semester. This society continues to use the old system of credits. The meetings which have been held in the Chapel Hall, have been well attended and good programs are being produced at every meeting. The members of the Criterion are full of spirit, attempting to make as good a showing as possible for the first semester of the society.

The Philosophic and Philadelphian Societies have both adopted the new system of fines. This system is proving itself to be very satisfactory and far better work is being done than when the old system was in vogue. Every one realizes that he himself is losing when he fails to put effort into his productions. Several warm debates have already been argued on the floors of both societies, and it is well worth the while to attend one of the meetings. The division of the societies has put more interest into all three. Lets keep them going and get out of them what we should.

Inter-Collegiate Prohibition League.

We had with us, a few days ago, Rev. Chas. W. Young of Cleveland, a field secretary of the Inter-collegiate Prohibition League. Rev. Young was here organizing a league and succeeded in getting eighteen to sign membership cards, and several more have joined since.

The object of the league is to get students more interested in the temperance work. The principle thing of the league is the oratory contest system. First, each league has its "Local" contest, then the "State", between the various colleges of the state and the "Interstate" and the "National". This system goes one step higher than the present oratorical association of which this college has been a member for several years. The dues of this league are only seventy five cents per year, a third of this staying in our own league for the expenses of our representative. On account of it being too late we will not send a representative to the contest this year. Let us remember and get an early start and keep this movement going for next year.

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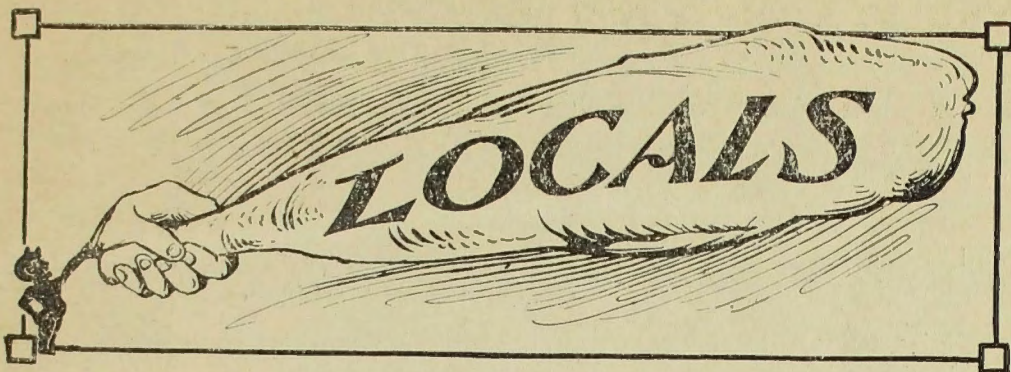
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EDITORIAL.

Friday, May 9th, has been set apart by the Faculty for "Cedar Day." This is one of the days of the college year when everyone is out for a good time. Last year the day was fine both in weasher and performances. For the past few years the students of Cedarville have celebrated "Cedar Day". Each class is out with spirit which is not seen on any other oay. An orator has already been chosen and perparation is being made to make this year the best yet. Every class should be busy getting their "stunts" in shape. Don't wait until the last day or two and then come out without any stunt at all. We have little enough spirit anyway, so let us have one day in which we can show those around us that where there is a litte smoke there is still a little fire. Remember there is to be a "big dinner" too, so prepare also for it.

The writer read recently an article on "Hieroglyphics" which applies well to some of our own students. It pertained to the custom of various students to scratch or whittle or engrave their cognomers on their class room desks. In every man there is a certain sense of beauty; it exists, however, in different degrees in different persons. This is no doubt a convenient method of passing away a tedious recitation period, yet such a practice is decidedly contrary to ethical principles.

In the first place it destroys the s-ense of beauty in the individual. No reasonable being would contend for a moment that to deface a polished surface with a pen knife could possibly heighten the aesthetic taste. Moreover, there are always other means of perpetuating the memory of the various classes without imprinting upon a desk a column of characters such as '05, '06, '07 and so forth. In the second place such a practice only demonstrates the egotistical tendencies of the author. He evidently is deeply in love with the appearance of his own name to emblazen it forth to the world. And finally we all know the old adage concerning certain individual's names in public places.



A placard was displayed in Prof. Allen's room Monday, April 14th which read as follows; "I will be married June, 11. Everybody come. Admission free Signed. M. E. L.

Wendal Foster returned to finish his course for graduation, Monday, Apr. 14.

Prof Allen was absent Monday, Apr. 14. He was preaching Sabbath at Wooster, Ohio.

Friday evening, April 11th, the Sopomores Seniors and Faculty, were entertained at the home of Miss Mary Hastings. The evening was enjoyed by all in such contests as "talking," "spelling" and answering very serious questions put forth by the hostess. The guests were served ice cream, cake, pineapple, peaches, coffee, and wafers.

"Are you Hungary?"

"Yes, Siam."

"Come on then I Fiji Turkey."—Ex.

"Mary had a Thomas cat;

It warbled like Caruso.

A neighbor swing a baseball bat—

Now Thomas doesn't do so."

Miss Vera Andrew taught Prof. Allien's classes while he was absent.

The way to go—"He was driven to his grave!" "Sure he was. Did you expect him to walk there?"

Teacher—"Who can make a sentence with the word 'gruesome' in it?"

Little Willie—"I can! The man stopped shaving and gruesome whiskers."

The Freshmen were so lonesome last Friday night that they tried to get even with the Sophs. and Seniors by having a spread.

The Tennis Club held its first meeting of the season Wednesday. The main business was to see about getting the courts in shape.

Mr. W. D. Sterrett was on the sick list several days last week.

Prof. R. A. Lanning spent the week's end at his home in Drepden O. Prof's. home town was almost washed away by the recent flood.

Miss Vera Andrew '08, Miss Verna Bird '09 and Mr. H. F. attended a musical given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGervey at their home in Xenia in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.

The Base Ball Team has its schedule well under way. The Captain Wendall Foster is giving the boys a working out in view to picking his team. There is a lots of good material and C. C. is expecting a good team this year.

Miss Rachel Tarbox was a visitor at the home of her sister Mrs. H. A. Waddle of Springfield, from Saturday till Monday.

Misses Mary Hastings and Hazel Lowry are contemplating entering Summer Schoyl at Wooster and graduating at C. C. with the class of '14. Success Girls.

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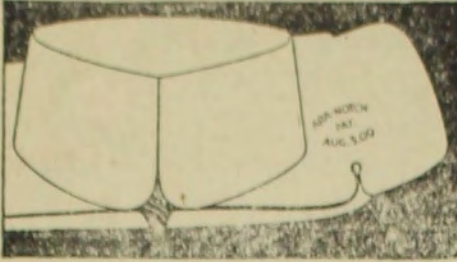
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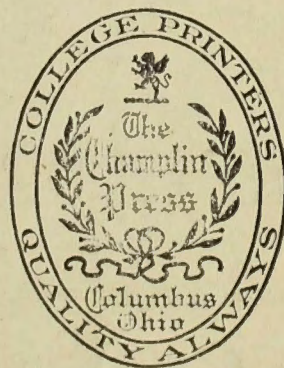
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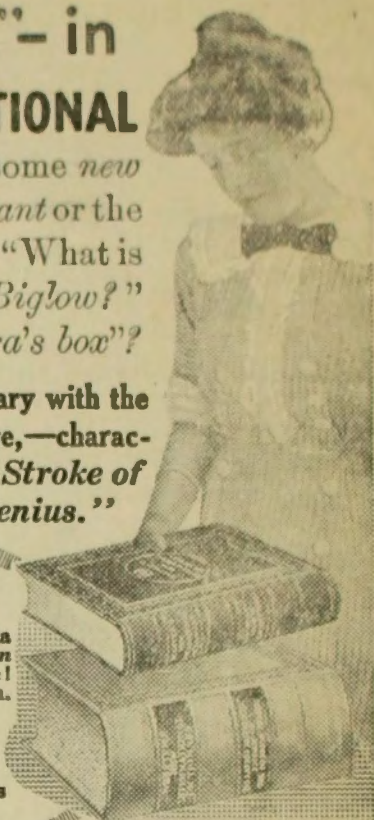
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